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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
	:	Administrative Action
WILLIAM POWELL, LCSW	:	
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Licensed To Practice Social Work	:	CONSENT ORDER
And Marriage and Family Therapy	:	
In the State of New Jersey	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners and the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Boards") upon receipt of complaints from F.I. and C.F. Specifically, F.I. complained that while William Powell, LCSW (hereinafter "the respondent") acted as the therapist for her foster child, Q.B., respondent did not conduct himself in a professional manner and was rude and antagonistic when interacting with F.I. The second complainant, C.F., alleged that while respondent rendered therapy to C.F.'s step-son, respondent exerted far too much influence on both C.F.'s step-son and wife. Further, C.F. attached to his complaint a letter which respondent sent to C.F. stating that if C.F. would not agree to his step-son living with an aunt during the week, respondent would report him to

the Division of Youth and Family Services (hereinafter "DYFS") for emotional abuse of his step-son.

On January 22, 1999, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into these matters held by the Boards. A member of each Board was present. Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Boards that respondent has behaved in a manner not consistent with the principles of sound social work practice. In particular, respondent's threatening letter of January 28, 1998 to C.F. in which respondent attempts to coerce C.F. to accept respondent's recommendation for C.F.'s step-son is professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS ^{26th} DAY OF May 1999,
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded by the Board of Social Work Examiners and the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for his January 28, 1998 letter to C.F. which threatens to report to DYFS that C.F. is emotionally abusing his step-son unless C.F. agrees to allow his step-son to reside with a relative during the week days.

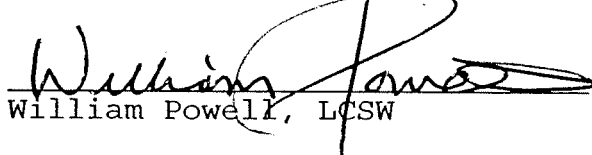
2. For the eighteen months immediately following the entry of the within Consent Order, all therapy which respondent renders to clients shall be supervised by an individual licensed by the Board

of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Respondent shall bear the cost of supervision. For the first six months of supervision, respondent shall meet with the supervisor in person once a week to discuss his full case load, focusing on the most difficult cases. For the remaining twelve months, respondent shall meet with his supervisor at a frequency recommended by the supervisor. Respondent shall cause the supervisor to submit quarterly reports summarizing respondent's progress to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and the Board of Social Work Examiners.


Mariagnes Lattimer, MSW, LCSW


Ronald Walthall, D.MIN

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and to be bound by the Consent Order's terms.


William Powell, LCSW